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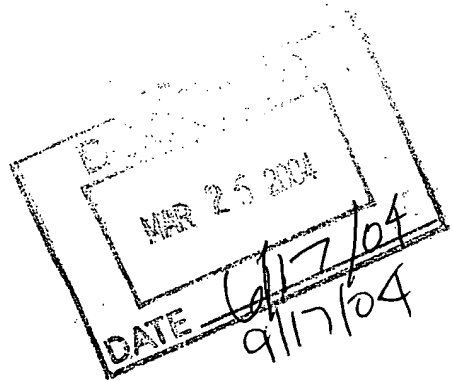
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Office Action Summary



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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

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Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's request for reconsideration of the finality of the rejection of the last Office action is persuasive and, therefore, the finality of that action is withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. Claims 1-15, and 17-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Regarding claim 1, lines 5-8, it is unclear what is intended to be the claim limitation by reciting "a correlation between an input spread signal.... and a spread code corresponding to each of the plurality of channels" in "a correlation between an input spread signal which is respectively transmitted over the plurality of channels and a spread code corresponding to each of the plurality of channels". The preamble of the claim claiming a receiving device, however, the path detector of the receiving device seems to correlate the input spread signal to a spread code corresponding to each of the plurality of channels, of which the two correlated elements refer to that of a transmitter instead of a receiver. The following claim language seems to suggest a correlation occurs at a receiving device by the path detector: "a correlation between each received spread (data) signals.... and a spread code corresponding to each received spread signals in a respective channel". The same remark applies to claims 4, 5, 6, and 13.

Regarding claim 1, lines 10-11, it is unclear what is intended to be the claim limitation by reciting "demodulating a corresponding spread signal among the spread signals according to the timing signal generated by said path detector" in "a plurality of despread demodulators, which are arranged for the plurality of channels, for demodulating a corresponding spread signal among the spread signals according to the timing signal generated by said path detector". The recitation seems to emphasize a single function of all the despread demodulators – that is to demodulate a particular spread signal among the spread signals according to the timing signal generated by the path detector for all channels, which is untrue. The same remark applies to claims 4, 5, 6, 13, 18, and 19.

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Duc Ho whose telephone number is (703) 305-1332. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 7:00 am to 3:30 pm.

If attempt to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Huy Vu, can be reached on (703) 308-6602.

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